



COMMUNITY-BASED CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM (CBCAP)

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I. Purpose

The Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Program (CBCAP) was established by Title II of the Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) Amendments of 1996 and most recently reauthorized in June of 2003 (P.L. 108-36). The purpose of the CBCAP funding is to:

- Support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, enhance, and where appropriate, to network initiatives aimed at the prevention of child abuse and neglect
- Support networks of coordinated resources and activities to better strengthen and support families to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect
- Foster an understanding, appreciation, and knowledge of diverse populations in order to be effective in preventing and treating child abuse and neglect

II. Funding

Funds to States

The CBCAP federal funding is distributed to states and territories under a formula grant. Each state must provide a cash match in non-federal funding of the total allotment. The match funds may come from state or private funding.

Funds to Counties

In accordance with California Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) Section 18966.1(a), CBCAP funds are allocated annually to counties. The allocation formula is contained in each annual fiscal allocation letter. Once the county allocations are received, the following must be insured:

- Counties receiving less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per year in their county Children's Trust Fund from birth certificate fees must use the amount of CBCAP funds necessary to bring the trust fund balance up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).
- If sufficient funds exist after meeting the above Children's Trust Fund requirement, the remaining funds may be used to fund allowable CBCAP activities.

Currently, 57 counties have elected to participate in the CBCAP allocation process. Counties must apply for the funds annually and submit all required reporting information. No more than ten (10) percent of the funds may be used for administrative costs.

III. Program Features

Counties receiving CBCAP funds are authorized to fund child abuse prevention programs in their service area that provide a multitude of services and supports. These services and programs may include, but are not limited to:

- Comprehensive support for parents
- Promoting meaningful parent leadership
- Promoting the development of parenting skills
- Improving family access to formal and informal resources
- Supporting the needs of parents with disabilities through respite or other activities
- Providing referrals for early health and development services

Programs funded with CBCAP funds can foster the development of a continuum of preventive services through public-private partnerships; finance the start-up, maintenance, expansion, or redesign of specific family support services; maximize funding through leveraging of funds; and finance public education activities that focus on the promotion of child abuse prevention.

There are three levels of prevention services; primary prevention, secondary prevention, and tertiary prevention. Primary and secondary prevention activities are allowable activities under CBCAP funding, and are defined as:

- **Primary Prevention**
 - Primary prevention consists of activities that are targeted toward the community at large. These activities are meant to impact families prior to any allegations of abuse and neglect being made. Primary prevention services include public education activities, parent education classes that are open to anyone in the community, and family support programs. Primary prevention can be difficult to measure because it is an attempt to impact something before it happens, an unknown variable.
- **Secondary Prevention**
 - Secondary prevention consists of activities targeted to families that have one or more risk factors, including families with substance abuse, teen parents, parents of special need children, single parents, and low income families. Some examples of secondary prevention services include parent education classes targeted for high risk parents, respite care for parents of a child with a disability, or home visiting programs.

Activities not eligible for funding under CBCAP include tertiary prevention activities, which are targeted towards families who are known to the child welfare system.

- **Tertiary Prevention**

- Tertiary prevention consists of activities targeted towards families that have confirmed or unconfirmed child abuse and neglect reports. These families have already demonstrated the need for intervention, either with or without court supervision. These are families that qualify for services under child welfare programs and are not a focus of CBCAP programs.

IV. Target Population

The CBCAP funds should be used to target services to vulnerable families with children that are at risk of abuse or neglect. These families include:

- Parents (all, new, teens, etc.)
- Parents and/or children with disabilities
- Racial and ethnic minorities
- Members of underserved or underrepresented groups
- Fathers

V. Program Oversight

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has been designated by the Governor as the single state agency to administer and oversee the funds. The Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP), an office within the CDSS, is responsible for the oversight of CBCAP funds.

The OCAP is required to submit an application for funding each year and to report annually regarding activity from the previous year.

The OCAP provides training and technical assistance through its consultants and departmental resources, as well as its training and technical assistance contracts.

All programs receiving federal assistance are reviewed under the federal Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART). The federal outcome measure for CBCAP funded programs is a decrease in the rate of first-time victims of child maltreatment. There is also a federal efficiency measure to increase the percentage of total CBCAP funding used in support of evidence-based and evidence-informed child abuse prevention programs and practices.

The intent of this effort is to:

- Promote more efficient use of CBCAP funding by investing in programs and practices with evidence that it produces positive outcomes for children and families

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- Promote critical thinking and analysis across the CBCAP Lead Agencies and their funded programs so that they can be more informed funders, consumers, and community partners in preventing child abuse and neglect
 - Foster a culture of continuous quality improvement by promoting ongoing evaluation and quality assurance activities across the CBCAP Lead Agencies and their programs that utilize CBCAP funds

VI. References

Title II—Community Based Grants for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect at Friends National Resource Center : <http://www.friendsnrc.org/CBCAP/index.htm>

The (Federal) [Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act](#), Title II—Community Based Grants for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (Sec. 201-210)

Welfare and Institutions Code sections [18965](#); [18966](#); [18966.1](#); [18967](#); [18968](#)

County Fiscal Letters: <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/lettersnotices/PG959.htm>